The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" That is not being done; the Government do not think any useful purpose will be served by so doing."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask by what time the Government propose to complete these appointments for all the municipalities in the Presidency? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" We cannot fix a definite time. As soon as competent men are available, more municipalities will be brought under the provisions of the Act."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the Cocanada Municipality did not protest that it was not previously consulted? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I am not aware of it; but there have been protests from certain municipalities."

Protest by the Peddapur Municipality against the appointment of a Commissioner.

* 697 *Q.*—Mr. C. INDRAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any order to the Peddapur Municipality to show cause why a Commissioner should not be appointed;

(*b*) whether the municipal council protested against the appointment of the commissioner; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the correspondence, if any, that passed between the Government and the Municipal Council?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) A representation was received after orders appointing a commissioner were issued.

(*c*) No. The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the correspondence on the table of the House.

Road Development schemes.

* 698 *Q.*—Mr. W. W. LADDEN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have yet reached a decision with regard to taking advantage of the favourable offer made by the hon. Member for Finance of the Government of India at the Road-Rail Conference in April last for the financing of road development schemes by means of loans;

(*b*) if so, what road development schemes are in contemplation;

(*c*) what stage has consideration of the subject of co-ordination of the means of communication in the Presidency reached;